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### AMENDMENT

This Amendment is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated November 13, 2008 and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 20, 2009, and includes the following sections:

Amendments to the Claims beginning on page 2;  
Remarks, beginning on page 6; and  
Translation of Takitani Reference (4 pages).

No extensions or fees in addition to those submitted prior to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment are believed to be necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and notify us of the same. Applicant requests an extension for the necessary period of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.